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MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR RICE REACTS TO STATE OF THE COUNTY

Milwaukee, WI – Following County Executive Scott Walker's 2008 State of the County Address, Milwaukee County Supervisor Joseph Rice had the following reaction:

"The County Executive's message of hope and progress offered a refreshing antidote to the litany of blame, doom and gloom coming from those opposed to his policies.

I share the view of many that look forward to Milwaukee County government working productively to spur job growth, ensure public safety and enhance accountability to taxpayers. I applaud the County Executive for taking a leadership role in advancing these initiatives - without raising taxes.

In this time of economic uncertainty, it's vital that we work together to encourage the private sector to invest and grow the local economy. As Briggs & Stratton Chairman, President and CEO John Shiely noted in a recent op-ed, we need to shed our 'zero-sum culture'. The County Executive's comments today demonstrated his rejection of the notion that our only options are to dramatically raise taxes or cut services. His encouragement of innovation and partnerships with the private sector sets a course for increasing pride and hope for this County."

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